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SUBJECT: LOYA JIRGAH ENDORSES DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
POLICIES OF AFGHAN GOVERNMENT

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1. (UNCLAS) FEBRUARY 15 EDITION OF KABUL TIMES
CARRIED OFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF FINAL
RESOLUTION OF LOYA JIRGAH (NATIONAL CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY) ENDORSING THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
POLICIES FOLLOWED BY THE DAOUD REGIME SINCE IT
SEIZED POWER IN JULY 1973. THE RESOLUTION WAS
APPROVED IN SPECIAL AFTERNOON SESSION FEBRUARY 14,
FOLLOWING MORNING'S ELECTION OF MOHAMMAD DAOUD
AS PRESIDENT (REF B).

2. (UNCLAS) FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF FOUR PARAGRAPH
STATEMENT SUMMARIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE LOYA
JIRGAH AND ENDORSE POLICIES FOLLOWED BY GOVERNMENT.
INCLUDED IN THE LATTER RUBERIC ARE MATTERS
RELATING TO "INTERNAL POLICY, FOREIGN POLICY ...
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AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOP-
MENT OF THE COUNTRY".

3. (UNCLAS) BALANCE OF STATEMENT RELATED TO PAK/
AFGHAN RELATIONS AND PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE. FULL
TEXT OF THIS SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. IN REGARD TO RELATIONS OF AFGHANISTAN
AND PAKISTAN CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF PUSHTUNISTAN
WE STATE THAT:

AFGHANISTAN AS A PEACE LOVING COUNTRY HAS CON-
SISTENTLY FAVOURED AN HONORABLE SOLUTION OF THIS
POLITICAL DIFFERENCE WITH PAKISTAN. INASMUCH AS
DIRECT CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES OF VIEW BETWEEN THE
LEADERS OF TWO SIDES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN AN ATMOS-
PHERE OF SINCERITY AND UNDERSTANDING WICH ARE CON-
STRUED AS A WISH FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THEIR ONLY
POLITICAL DIFFERENCE WE WELCOME IT WITH GOOD WILL.

WE CONSIDER THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH CONTACTS
AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE CONCERNED PARTIES
AS BENEFICIAL AND EFFECTIVE. UNTIL REACHING A FINAL
AND HONORABLE SOLUTION, WE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
NATION OF AFGHANISTAN, IN AFFIRMATION OF THE POLICY
OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THIS REGARD, REITERATE PERSIS-
TENT AND PEACEFUL SUPPORT FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE
INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF PUSHTUN AND BALUCHI BROTHERS
AND HOPE THAT THIS POLITICAL DIFFEERENCE SHALL BE
RESOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THEIR
PEOPLE AND LEADERS. UNQUOTE.

4. (BEGIN LOU) COMMENT: TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH
DAOUD'S OPENING SPEECH TO THE LOYA JIRGAH (REF A)
THE STATEMENT PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND EN-
DORSED BY THE LOYA JIRGAH SHOULD BE A POSITIVE
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FACTOR IN CONTINUING CURRENT STATE OF RELATIVELY
GOOD PAK/AFGHAN RELATIONS. DAOUD, WHO MAY HAVE
FEARED DOMESTIC CRITICISM FOR HIS SOFTENED STANCE,
HAS STRENGTHENED HIS POSITION BY GAINING ENDORSE-
MENT FOR HIS ACTIONS BY NATIONAL BODY. WHILE
NEITHER HIS SPEECH NOR THE ENDORSEMENT POINT TO
AN EARLY RESOLUTION OF THE PUSHTUNISTAN ISSUE,
THEY TESTIFY TO GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN'S CON-
TINUING COMMITMENT TO KEEP THE LID ON HOSTILE
PROPAGANDA AND OTHER IRRITANTS WHICH HAVE IN THE
PAST GENERATED MORE HEAD THAN LIGHT IN PAK/AFGHAN
RELATIONS. END COMMENT. (END LOU)
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